

7: SPECIAL POPULATIONS RESOURCES

Minority-Owned Businesses

Latin Business Association

120 South San Pedro Street, Suite 530
Los Angeles CA 90012
Phone: 213-628-8510
<http://www.lbausa.com>

Established in 1976 as a private nonprofit organization, the LBA is the largest US Latino business entity by virtue of total active membership and overall outreach to Latino business owners.

The Market Segment Group

201 Alhambra Circle, Suite 804
Coral Gables FL 33134
Phone: 305-669-3900
E-mail: gberman@marketsegment.com
<http://homepage.mac.com/vberman/>

This site includes data and analysis from over 4,000 interviews among Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians, Anglos. Areas of inquiry include marketing, politics, social issues, and business, and so forth.

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington DC 20230
Phone: 888-324-1551
<http://www.mbda.gov>

This agency funds Business Development Centers nationwide to help with start-up, expansion and acquisition of minority-owned businesses. It provides assistance with bonding, bidding, estimating, financing, procurement, international trade, franchising, acquisitions, mergers, and joint ventures. It is a good starting point for finding other helpful agencies to fit your specific needs.

Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115-A
Largo MD 20774
Phone: 301-583-4648
E-mail: kpumphrey@mbeldef.org
<http://www.mbeldef.org>

This is a national, nonprofit, public interest law firm and membership advocacy group intended to achieve equity and fairness in the marketplace on behalf of minority business enterprises (MBEs).

Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

<http://osdbu.gov/Listofmembers.htm>

These offices were established to promote successful partnerships that result in an inclusive and effective small business procurement process. They offer a wide range of assistance in advocacy, outreach, and financial services. For a complete listing of federal OSDBUs, visit the Website above.

National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC)

666 11th Street NW, Suite 520
Washington DC 20001
Phone: 866-688-6262
E-mail: national@namcline.org
<http://www.namcline.org>

The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) is a nonprofit trade association established in 1969 to address the needs and concerns of minority contractors. While membership is open to people of all races and ethnic backgrounds, its mandate, "Building Bridges-Crossing Barriers," focuses on the construction industries concerns common to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.

8(a) Business Development

Small Business Administration
409 Third Street SW, Suite 800
Washington DC 20410
Phone: 202-619-0628
E-mail: 8abd@sba.gov
<http://www.sba.gov/8abd/>

This office serves to foster business ownership by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and to promote competitive viability of such firms. Services offered include management, technical and federal procurement assistance, bonding assistance, Section 8(a) Business Development Program Certification, Small Business Disadvantaged Business Certification, and financial assistance through the 8(a) Loan Program. (For more information about these programs, call the SBA information hotline at 800-827-5722.)

US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

2175 K Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20037
Phone: 800-USHCC86
E-mail: ushcc@ushcc.com
<http://www.ushcc.com>

Since its inception in 1979, the USHCC has worked towards bringing the issues and concerns of the nation's more than 1.2 million Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the national economic agenda. Throughout the years, the USHCC has enjoyed outstanding working relationships with international heads of state. Also, through the network of nearly 200 Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and Hispanic business organizations, the USHCC has communicated the needs and potential of Hispanic enterprise to the US government and corporate America.

Woman-Owned Businesses

American Business Women's Association

9100 Ward Parkway
PO Box 8728
Kansas City MO 64114-0728
Phone: 800-228-0007
E-mail: abwa@abwahq.org
<http://www.abwahq.org>

ABWA has dedicated more than 50 years to women's education, and has provided workplace skills and career-development training for more than 545,000 members. This association helps business women help themselves through leadership, education, training and networking. It offers leadership training, resume service, credit card and member loan programs and travel benefits. There is an annual selection of the top ten Business Women of ABWA and a local Business Woman of the Year Award. The main office has local ABWA chapter listings.

Center for Women's Business Research (*Founded as the National Foundation for Women Business Owners*)

Center for Women's Business Research
1411 K Street NW, Suite 1350
Washington DC 20005-3407
Phone: 202-638-3060
E-mail: info@womensbusinessresearch.org
<http://www.womensbusinessresearch.org>

This organization is the premier source of knowledge about women business owners and their enterprises worldwide. They provide original, groundbreaking research to document the economic and social contributions of woman-owned firms, and consulting and public relations services to maximize the benefits of this knowledge. Corporations, government policy makers, educators, organizations, the media, and individuals rely on their leading-edge knowledge to strengthen their support of women business owners.

Feminist.com

E-mail: mail@feminist.com
<http://www.feminist.com>

Feminist.com is a grassroots, interactive community by, for and about women that promotes women's business development, supports women-friendly organizations, expands civic participation and encourages women's self-sufficiency. Feminist.com is a responsive community that offers resources for all women and provides a safe space for diverse dialogues.

National Association for Female Executives

NAFE
60 East 42nd Street, Suite 2700
New York NY 10165
Phone: 800-927-NAFE
E-mail: nafe@nafe.com
<http://www.nafe.com>

This group offers networking, travel discounts, job information and workshops to its members. It has some established loan funds available for members, and publishes *NAFE Magazine*.

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)

NAWBO
8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800
McLean VA 22102
Phone: 800-55-NAWBO
E-Mail: national@nawbo.org
<http://www.nawbo.org>

NAWBO is the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of women entrepreneurs in all types of businesses. The organization currently has over 8,000 members in nearly 80 chapters nationwide, and is affiliated with Les Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises Mondiales (World Association of Women Entrepreneurs) in 35 countries. The association suggests that local chapters provide counseling and technical assistance and hold monthly programs focused on training for the woman business owner.

Office of Women Business Ownership (OWBO)

Small Business Administration
409 Third Street SW
Washington DC 20416
Phone: 202-205-6673 or 800-8-ASK-SBA
E-mail: owbo@sba.gov
<http://www.sba.gov/ed/wbo/index.html>

This office serves as the primary advocate of women business owners' interests through access to: pre-business workshops, technical, financial and management information, federal government procurement information, access to capital and small loan programs. The office also provides a "Women's Business Ownership Kit" at no charge, and has implemented a Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training. Visit the Online Women's Business Center co-sponsored by SBA at: <http://www.onlinewbc.gov>.

US Women's Chamber of Commerce

1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300
Washington DC 20004
Phone: 888-41-USWCC
<http://www.thewomenschamber.com>

The intent of this organization is to unite the women's marketplace through preeminent national women's chamber of commerce network whose mission is to develop leadership, accelerate economic development, and provide a community voice for women.

Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)

1120 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1000
Washington DC 20036
Phone: 202-872-5515 (ext 10)
E-mail: admin@wbenc.org
<http://www.wbenc.org>

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC, pronounced wee-bank), created in 1997, is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for women's business enterprises in America's major business markets. In partnership with women's business organizations throughout the United States, WBENC provides access to a national standard of certification and provides information on certified women's businesses to purchasing managers through an Internet database—WBENC

Home-Based Businesses

National Association of Home Based Businesses (NAHBB)

U.S.A. Home Based Business Information
Superhighway
10451 Mill Run Circle, Suite 400
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
Phone: 410-363-3698
E-mail: nahbb@msn.com
<http://www.usahomebusiness.com>

National Association of Home-Based Businesses (NAHBB) gives members and subscribers a quick and reliable source of trade, business opportunities, management, direct and network marketing information.

Rocky Mountain Home-Based Business Association

Center for the New West
1625 Braodway Suite 600
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303 367-1918
E-mail: asbdc@rmi.net
<http://www.rmhba.org>

This association provides training, networking and conferences for home-based businesses throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Small and Home-Based Business Links

WAHM.com—The Newsletter and Online magazine for Work at Home Moms

Maricle Media, Inc.
Box 366
Folsom CA 95763
Phone: 916-985-2078
E-mail: cheryl@wahm.com
<http://www.wahm.com>

WAHM is dedicated to promoting WAHM businesses; providing information about legitimate home-based opportunities; and providing tips, advice, and entertainment for WAHMs.

Working Today

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Working Today is one of the only organizations working to impact change for the millions of people who are now on their own. A nonprofit organization, it helps those working in today's new economy through advocacy, information and service. That means actively ensuring that archaic laws and policies are updated to keep pace with the way work has changed and to provide the safety net of benefits that independent workers really need.